

August 2, 2016, PB&R Agenda Comments

Comments on Newport Beach Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission agenda submitted by:
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Item VI.A. Minutes of the July 5, 2016 PB&R Commission Meeting

The following corrections are suggested:

Page 1, under "Staff Members": "**Brenda Wisneski, Deputy Director, Community Development**" (Ben Zdeba, Associate Planner may also have been present?)

Page 1, paragraph 3 from end: "Secretary Craig **announces announced** that Commissioner Marston will serve as the new FY 2016/17 PB&R Chair."

Page 2, paragraph 3: "Secretary Craig **congratulates congratulated** Commissioner Hayes on his election as the new FY 2016/17 PB&R Vice Chair."

Page 2, just before VII: "Motion by Commissioner Englebrecht; second by Commissioner Cole, to approve Consent Calendar items VI-A through VI-D. Motion carried unanimously with Chair Marston and Commissioner **Howard Anderson** absent."

Page 3, just before B: "Motion **carries carried** unanimously with Chair Marston and Commissioner Anderson absent."

Page 4, paragraph 3: "Chris Casier indicated he has lived at 1707 for about 15 years and that the tree **is** was approximately 25 feet tall when he moved in and is now about 50 feet tall."

Page 4, just before C: "Motion **carries carried** unanimously with Chair Marston and Commissioner Anderson absent."

Page 4, Item C, sentence 2: "Any significant changes to the park would require **a** an Amendment to the Coastal Development Permit which was issued prior to the original construction of the park."

Page 4, paragraph 2 from end: "Engineer **Sincori Sinacori** explained that for budgetary reasons the low concrete bench would be retained but a new shade structure is proposed to be erected over it."

Page 4, last sentence: "It was questioned as to why a shade structure was **note not** proposed over the picnic table area."

Page 5, first 2 sentences: "In response to the questions and suggestions **the** Engineer Sinacori explained; that due to existing traffic along Coast Highway and Jamboree **road Road** a turning movement into the park would not be possible. There is parking on Back Bay Drive and **it** was noted that people visit the park by foot or bike, and that many bicyclists ride down Pacific Coast Highway."

Page 5, public discussion: "Jim Mosher commented that this is an accessible park by bicycle, but that many bicyclists were unaware of it and suggested that the fix it station **was not necessary might be little known**."

Page 5, last sentence: “Motion ~~carries~~ carried unanimously with Chair Marston and Commissioner Anderson absent.”

Page 6, paragraph 1: “Deputy Director ~~Wisnewski~~ Wisneski provided a report and explained that City Council had directed staff to develop a plan in response to the need to create a more cohesive streetscape realm in the area.”

Page 6, public discussion: “Mr. Mosher ~~voiced concern~~ mentioned a concern raised over the extensive plantings and the cost ~~of~~ maintenance.”

Page 7, paragraph 1: “Director Pisani presented the report and stated that they were advised by Public Works to remove two ~~Palm palm~~ trees at 239 Carnation. Public Works received the request in order for development to occur and the palm trees are defined as standard trees in the G-1 Policy. The Coastal Commission approved the project in January and it meets all zoning code development standards.”

Page 7, paragraph 3 from end: “Mr. Damon introduced then ~~Jon~~ John Mote of Senna Tree Company who moved 38 fully grown palm trees ~~to~~ at Marina Park for the City.”

Page 8, paragraph 2: “Mr. Mote of Senna Tree Company and certified arborist, stated that he had moved 38 palm trees ~~to~~ at Marina Park with a 100% success rate.”

Page 8, last sentence of public discussion: “He stated that moving the trees on the property would be preferable ~~than to~~ their removal.”

Page 9, sentence 2: “Motion ~~carries~~ carried unanimously with Chair Marston and Commissioner Anderson absent.”

Item IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

As Item 5 at its [July 14, 2016, meeting](#), the City Arts Commission discussed accepting the donation of a privately commissioned sculpture (“*Sunset Years*”) depicting a life-sized elderly couple sitting on a City bench. According to the proposal, it appeared this would not only be itself a (partially) functional bench, but would replace an existing City bench on the porch by the public restrooms at the Balboa Island Ferry Landing.

According to a [Tentative Agenda](#) (see under “Consent calendar ... Library ...”) it looks like the City Council will be asked to act on the Arts Commission’s recommendation at its August 9, 2016, meeting.

Since PB&R often reviews bench donations, I find it surprising you have not been asked to comment on this one, particularly since it will be replacing an existing bench and I understand there was some controversy over the selection of a suitable location.